

Johnson County Soil & Water Conservation District

Newsletter ~ Spring 2013



This nation will remain the land of the free
only so long as it is the home of the
brave. ~Elmer Davis

~Dates To Remember~

May 2013

May 20: CRP General Sign Up Begins

May 21: Pond Management Workshop

May 27: Memorial Day – Office Closed

May 29 & 30: Johnson County Regional
Management Intensive Grazing School

June 2013

June 3: ACRE Sign Up Deadline

June 14: CRP General Sign Up Deadline

July 2013

July 1: SWCD Fiscal Year Begins

July 4: Independence Day – Office Closed

July 15: Crop Reporting Deadline

Johnson County SWCD To Host Regional Management Intensive Grazing School

Management Intensive Grazing School

2013



The Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District and partnering agencies, NRCS, MU Extension, University of Central Missouri and Johnson County Farm Bureau are working together to host a Regional Grazing School for livestock owners and managers in Johnson County and surrounding areas. If you are considering installation of a grazing system and would like the opportunity to cost share the project through the Soil & Water Conservation District, you must have attended a grazing school to be eligible. This is a great opportunity to fulfill that requirement!

The two day school will be held on May 29th and 30th at the University of Central Missouri Prussing Farm. The Grazing School will cover a variety of topics related to livestock and grassland management, including the following: Art and Science of Grazing Management, Soil

Fertility and Forage Availability, Layout and Design of Grazing Systems, Grazer's math, Livestock Nutrition and Forage Quality, Economics of Grazing Management and Evaluation of Farm Resources. School activities will include presentations on these topics as well as farm visits to view existing managed grazing systems and to conduct field exercises.

There is a registration fee of \$65 per individual or \$85 per couple to cover the cost of materials provided to the participants. Lunch will be served both days and is included in the cost of registration. Please refer to the form at end of this Newsletter for registration and agenda details. For more information about the school please contact:

James Watterson, Natural Resource Conservation Service at 660-747-8400, extension 3 or e-mail James at james.watterson@mo.usda.gov

You may also contact:

Patrick Davis, MU Extension at 660-747-3193 or e-mail Patrick at davismp@missouri.edu.



MDC News



Pond Management Workshop Scheduled

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has scheduled a free pond management workshop for Tuesday, May 21st, 2013 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. The workshop will be held at the Concordia Community Center, 802 S. Gordon Street, Concordia.



The workshop will cover all aspects of pond management such as fish stocking, fish management, vegetation control, and many common pond problems. The free workshop is designed for anyone considering building a new pond or seeking advice for managing an existing pond. For more information, call Steve at 660-747-8200 extension 117.

FSA Update

CRP Sign Up



USDA will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP),

beginning May 20 and ending on June 14. Please call 660-747-8400 ext. 2 to make an appointment. Also, if you have a current CRP contract, please remember that you are required to certify your acreage each year. The deadline to certify is July 15th.

DCP/ACRE Sign-Up

FSA began DCP and ACRE sign-up for 2013 crops on Feb. 19, 2013. The ACRE sign-up period will end on June 3, 2013; and the DCP sign-up period will end on August 2, 2013.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, except that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year. This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013 or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013. Likewise, producers who were enrolled in DCP may opt for ACRE enrollment.

Rental Equipment

Big Bale Mulcher

Landowner Use

\$150 per day

Commercial Use

\$250 per day

A deposit is required for all rentals. Please call the office to reserve the mulcher for your next project.



Helpful Links



[Local Weather](#)



[Department of Natural Resources](#)



[Soil Survey](#)



[Farm Service Agency](#)



[Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)



[Missouri Department of Conservation](#)

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7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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Fun Farm Facts

A PIG'S SQUEAL CAN RANGE FROM 110-115 DECIBELS. COMPARE THAT TO THE CONCORDE JET, WHICH IS USUALLY LESS THAN 112 DECIBELS.



SESAME STREET'S BIG BIRD COSTUME IS MADE OF TURKEY FEATHERS.



THE AVERAGE DAIRY COW CONSUMES 30 GALLONS OF WATER EACH DAY.



Sessions

Cost: \$65 per person or \$85 per couple.

Please make checks payable to:

Johnson County SWCD and mail along with this form to:

Johnson Co SWCD
727 PCA Road, Suite B
Warrensburg, MO 64093

Number of people attending _____

Name(s):

Mailing Address:

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Paid \$ _____



Management Intensive Grazing School
is presented by:



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
U Extension



Missouri Forage and
Grassland Council



Johnson County Soil & Water
Conservation District

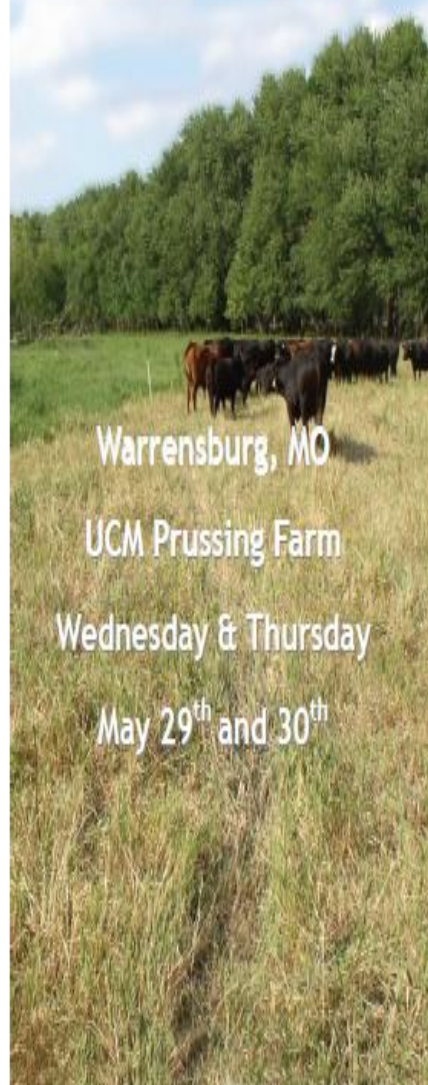


JOHNSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
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Management Intensive Grazing School

2013



Warrensburg, MO

UCM Prussing Farm

Wednesday & Thursday

May 29th and 30th



Information gained from these sessions can help you improve margins and natural resources!

These schools feature information on the following topics:

Art and Science of Grazing Management

- Jim Sowash, NRCS
Resource Conservationist

Soil Fertility and Forage Availability

- Travis Harper, Agronomist Specialist
MU Extension

Layout & Design of a Grazing System

- Dee Vanderburg, NRCS
State Grassland Specialist

Grazier's math

- Dee Vanderburg, NRCS
State Grassland Specialist

Livestock Nutrition & Forage Quality

- Patrick Davis, Livestock Specialist
MU Extension

Economics of Grazing Management

- Brent Carpenter, Ag Business Spec.
MU Extension

Evaluation of Farm Resources

- Jim Sowash, NRCS
Resource Conservationist

The registration fee covers the costs of the seminars including mileage reimbursement, meals, refreshments, on-farm tour equipment, fence and water system demonstration materials and the following references:

- Missouri Grazing Manual
- Forages and Weeds of Pastures
- Grazing stick

You will also receive the following free publications:

- Electric Fencing for Serious Graziers
- Water Systems for Serious Graziers
- Soil and Pasture Health Guide for MO
- Extending Grazing and Reducing Stored Feed Needs.

Sessions

The grazing school will be held at the following times:

Wednesday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Registration starts at 8:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

A receipt for the cost of the school, an agenda, and directions to the school location will be emailed or sent by USPS upon registration.

If you have questions, please contact James Watterson at the USDA-NRCS office in Warrensburg. You can reach him at 660-747-8400, ext. 3, or 816-739-3767 (cell), or you can e-mail james.watterson@mo.usda.gov

Or contact Patrick Davis, Livestock Specialist, MU Extension at 660-747-3193 or e-mail at davismp@missouri.edu.

Regional Grazing School

Johnson County

Agenda

May 29th & 30th 2013

May 29th

9:00-9:10	Welcome	Staff
9:10-9:40	Art and Science of Grazing Management	Jim Sowash
9:45-10:20	Soils, Fertility and Forage Availability	Travis Harper, Agronomist
10:20-10:35	Break	
10:35-11:20	Layout & Design of a Grazing System	Dee Vanderburg
11:20-12:00	Grazer Math	Dee Vanderburg
12:00-12:45	Lunch	
1:00-2:00	Livestock Nutrition & Forage Quality	Patrick Davis, Livestock Specialist
2:00-4:30	Travel to Farm	James Watterson, Resource Conservationist

May 30

9:00-10:15	Economics of Grazing	Brent Carpenter, Ag Business specialist
10:20-11:15	Evaluation of Farm Resources	Jim Sowash
11:20-12:00	Farm Groups	Jim Sowash
12:00-12:45	Lunch	
1:00-2:00	Group Planning	Jim Sowash
2:00-3:00	Group Presentation	
	Closing Comments/Questions	Staff